

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 247

By Woodson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jeannie Dulaney on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service and professional work; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dulaney is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-five years as Director, President, and CEO of Leadership Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dulaney took a much deserved retirement from her position at Leadership Knoxville at the end of March 2009; and

WHEREAS, Leadership Knoxville is an organization committed to building a stronger Knoxville by developing individuals and groups into servant leaders committed to impacting the broader community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1984, Leadership Knoxville instituted its first class in 1985; since then, more than 1,000 leaders from all areas of the community have participated in the annual ten-month program and have committed to Leadership Knoxville's goal of serving as "catalysts for positive change" in the greater Knoxville area; and

WHEREAS, a Nashville native, Ms. Dulaney worked for the City of Knoxville, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, and the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce before taking the reins of Leadership Knoxville in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the first permanent Director of Leadership Knoxville, Jeannie Dulaney transformed the program from an idea into the fully-developed organization that continues to thrive and contribute significantly to the Knoxville community today; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Ms. Dulaney helped organize the first ever Leadership Knoxville class, and she helped guide every subsequent class until her retirement; and

WHEREAS, under her astute leadership, Leadership Nashville developed alumni programming, added the popular Introduction Knoxville series, enhanced community workshop partnerships, and began a program to train facilitators to work with civic and community groups; furthermore, the flagship Leadership Knoxville program was updated to include principles and tools required for twenty-first century leadership; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her extensive work with Leadership Knoxville, Jeannie Dulaney is an active and valued member of her community, participating in a myriad of worthy organizations, including the Boards of Nine Counties One Vision, the Executive Women's Association, and the Metro YMCA and YWCA; and

WHEREAS, she also contributes her time and numerous talents as a member of the University of Tennessee Chancellor's Associates and the University of Tennessee Women's Council; and

WHEREAS, a widely respected leader, Jeannie Dulaney helped found the Tennessee Association of Community Leadership (TACL) and served on the Board of the international Community Leadership Association (CLA); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, she was honored with the Outstanding Tennessee Leadership Educator Award from TACL in 1998, and the Preceptor Award from CLA in 2001; she was also honored with the YWCA Tribute to Women Award in Education in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dulaney's many accomplishments and honors aside, she is the proud mother of daughter, Allison, who is a graduate of Rhodes College; and

WHEREAS, Jeannie Dulaney exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Ms. Dulaney has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the Knoxville community, and she should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Jeannie Dulaney our heartfelt wishes for a happy and

fulfilling retirement, commend her exemplary career with Leadership Knoxville, and every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.